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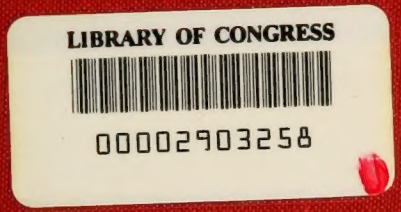

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The Violet is here

Violet, shy violet!
How many hearts with thee compare
Who hide themselves in thickest green
And thence unseen
Ravish the enraptured air with sweetness
Dewy fresh and rare.

"And in my breast
Spring wakens too: and
my regret
Becomes an April violet
And buds and blossoms
like the rest."

Pluck the violets blue,
Ah! pluck not a few!
Knowest thou what good thoughts from
Heaven the violet instills?

God does not send us strange
flowers every year;
When the spring winds blow
o'er the pleasant places
The same dear things lift up
the same fair faces—
The violet is here.

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